(4) Besides a contribution to the funds of the Samajam (limited to one-third of the actual collections otherwise made on this account by the Samajam, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000) the Darbar undertook to grant (a) free of cost such reasonable extent of Sirkar lands at Cheruviruthi as the Samajam may require (if the lands have to be acquired the cost has to be met from the amount of the total contribution).

(b) Annual contribution for dispensaries in rural areas to be opened by the Samajam at sites approved by the Government.

(5) Yes.

(6) Yes.

(7) Yes.

(8) His report is favourable.

(9) Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the objection of the Government to take over the hospital and its assets when it was offered?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Government are still considering that question.

236. Mr. A Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place the following papers on the table.—

(a) Order dated 18th February 1915, R. O. C. No. 119 of 1090;

(b) R. O. C. No. 478/1090?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No such order has been issued.

(b) Without definite information about the date of the order and the department from which it has been issued the paper cannot be traced.

237. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there had been any joint inspection of the Hospital by the Diwan Peishkar and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(b) if so, will they be pleased to place their report on the table;

(c) if not, have they severally inspected the Hospital lately;

(d) if so, will the Government kindly place their reports on the table?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; a copy of the joint report is placed on the table. (*Appendix V.*)

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of answer to (a).

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was it not one of the proposals to grow herbs in the vicinity of the hospital when it was inaugurated?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes, it was.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to acquire the site proposed by the hospital and deduct the price from the total contribution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Well, first of all to consider such a matter as this a formal requisition must come from the party concerned. It affects cash.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know the attitude of the Government, after starting our own Ayurvedic hospital, towards this institution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The contribution promised some years ago will of course be continued to be paid.

Durgavilasam Primary School.

238. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Adverting to question No. 545 answered on the 14th of Kumbham 1107 will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. the date on which the construction of the temporary shed was completed?

2. was the school conducted in the temporary shed after the completion;

3. where was the temporary shed put up; is it on the site of the original Primary School or in the precincts of the High School;

4. is it not a fact that the construction of a permanent building was started during the summer months at the very site of the former structure; is the construction of the new building complete even now;

5. is it not a fact that even as late as 30th Edavam 1107 more than half of that structure had no rooting even;

6. was any grant given to that school since the stopping of the grant in 1107 Kanni;

7. how many of the 247 pupils (strength on 18th Mithunam 1106) had facilities for education since that date of the collapse of the said Primary School building;

8. was not a major portion of the 247 students hailing from Thalakkottukara and its neighbourhood?

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2. Yes.

3. In the vicinity of the High School and not on the site of the original Primary School.

4. Yes. In Medam.

Yes.

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APPENDIX IV.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 227.)

Extracts.

"10. There remains for decision the question whether the Council should now be permitted to elect its own Chairman or whether a nominated Chairman should continue to preside over the Council. Government have given this question careful consideration and have come to the conclusion that it is undesirable to restore to the Council at present the right to elect its own Chairman. The inevitable result of doing so would in Government's opinion be a revival of party feeling in the Council to the detriment of the efficient and harmonious disposal of its business. Government are therefore pleased to direct that the Tahsildar of Chittur shall continue to be Chairman of the Municipality until further orders."

APPENDIX V.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 237)

Joint report from the Diwan Peishkar and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer dated 8th June 1931 submitted to the Secretary to the Diwan, Development Department.

Subject.—Joint report on the K. A. Samajam, Cheruthuruthy.

Reference—Huzur Official Memorandum R. O. C. No. 2618/1106, dated 20th April 1931, Development Department.

We have the honour to report that we visited the Samajam Hospital and premises at Cheruthuruthy on 2nd June 1931 as previously arranged and to submit the following remarks on the points raised in the petition.

Request No. 1.—The grant of the bit of Poramboke land lying behind the salt outpost and Forest Tanab—The portion that can safely be given to the Samajam for their use has been pegmarked and orders may be issued for formally handing over the site to the Samajam on the same conditions as were fixed previously when granting the original site. Enclosed is the sketch of the poramboke site adjacent to the Cheruthuruthy Vaidyasala. The new sub-division No. 5 covering an extent of 23 cents is the one proposed to be given to the Vaidyasala. The Vaidyasala should provide compound walls alongside the southern and western boundaries.

Request No. 3.—We do not consider it necessary that a school should be started there at present, as facilities for running a school worth the name are not existing there. The financial condition also does not seem to permit the scheme being pushed through. Dearth of clinical material for imparting sound instruction will be the chief drawback in starting an educational institution wherein instructions on Ayurvedic methods of treatment could be imparted on any sound basis. Hence, we are of opinion that energy and money should not be wasted in this direction at present.

Regarding the acquisition of lands lying to the south of the hospital, we learn that acquisition of these will cost over Rs. 8,000. This portion was moved by the Samajam in previous years and we find that this scheme was dropped by the Government for want of funds. These lands when acquired can only be utilised for growing herbs. It is not known how far the Samajam is prepared to contribute towards this expenditure. What we were made to understand at the interview we had with the Managing Director, is that he wishes the Government to purchase the lands at Government cost and hand them over to the Samajam as a gift.

We leave it to the Government to decide whether it can now contribuet this large sum though the plot of land will be useful to the Samajam. The petition with enclosure is returned.

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